

Oregon Community Paths Program

Funding off-road paths for biking and walking

2024 Solicitation Webinars

Who I Am

Community Paths Program Manager

- ODOT HQ
- Implement New Oregon Community Paths Program
- Multimodal integration
- Great Streets



WHAT WE WILL BE DISCUSSING

1. What is the Oregon Community Paths Program
2. How it is funded
3. How much money is available
4. Who is eligible
5. What types of projects are eligible
6. Key dates for 2024 Solicitation
7. How we are scoring



WHAT IS THE OREGON COMMUNITY PATHS GRANT PROGRAM?

Oregon Community Paths, or OCP, is an ODOT grant program created under HB2592 (2019); ORS 367.091

Funds off-system active transportation, meaning “*transportation facilities*” that are not primarily on or along a roadway



Oregon Community Paths

Oregon's Community Paths program is a biennial competitive grant program started in 2020, that supports investment in biking and walking facilities.

Schedule:

- 2024 – Federal Only
- 2026 – State Only
- 2028 – Federal Only



Types of Projects

1. Construction (state or federal):
 - a) Critical Links – biking and walking connections to schools, downtowns, shopping, employment, and other destinations
 - b) Regional Paths - longer distance paths serving communities; for example, Southern Oregon’s Bear Creek Greenway, or Portland’s [Springwater Corridor](#).
2. Project Refinement: Preliminary planning to prepare for construction grant (federal only).



Critical Link Project Example: Astoria Riverwalk Lighting



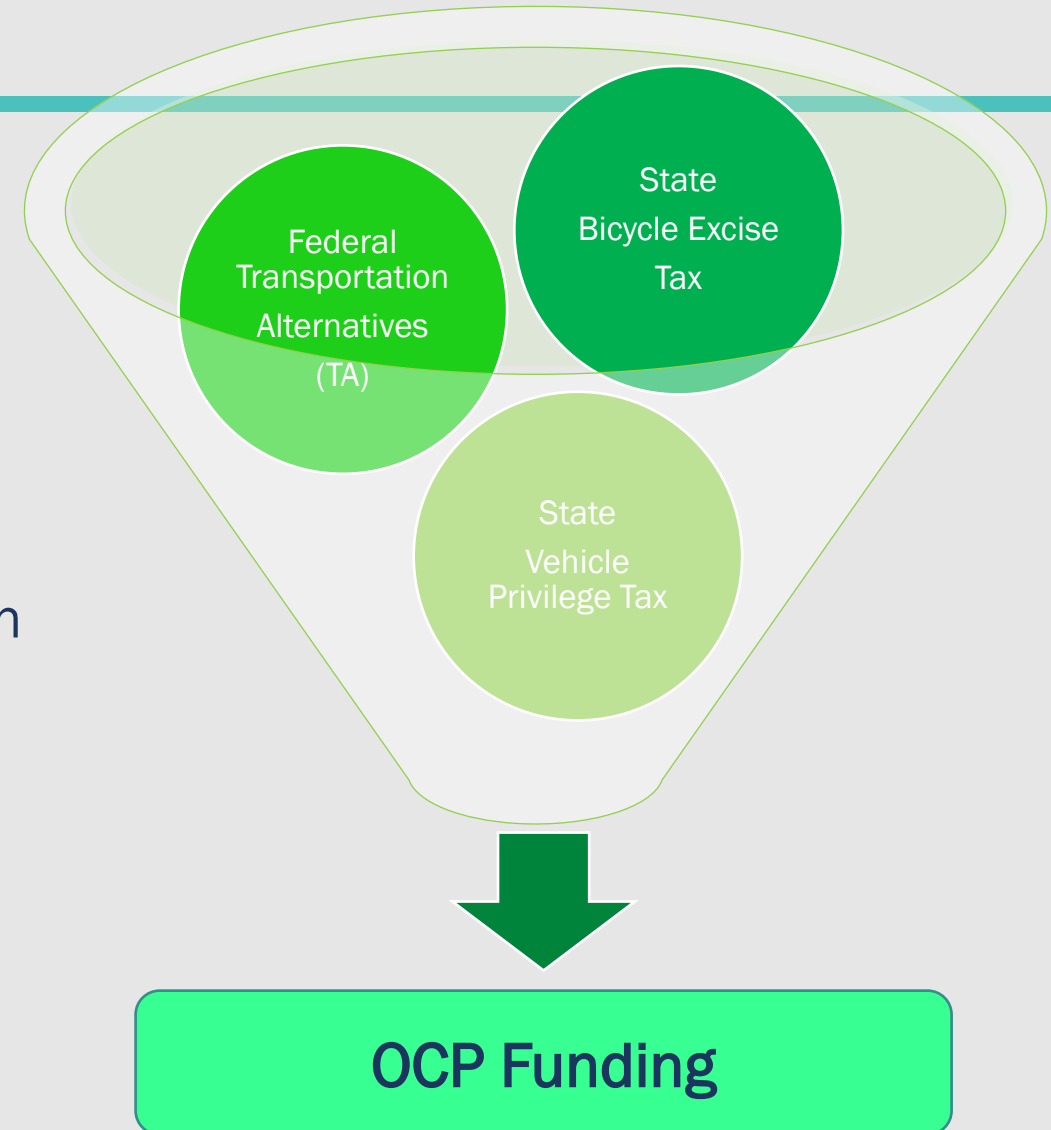
Regional Path Project Example: Reedville Trail



HOW IS the OCP FUNDED?

Two funding sources:

- Federal Funding (Transportation Alternatives Program)
 - Formula allocation to state
 - IIJA (remaining funds for 2024 cycle)
 - FY28-30 allocation
 - \$61 Million (estimated)
- State funding (MultiModal Active Transportation Fund) (2026 cycle)
 - Bicycle Excise Tax
 - A portion of the Vehicle Privilege Tax
 - Limited to cash on hand



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THESE GRANTS?



1. Local governments
2. School Districts
3. Tribal Governments
4. Transit Districts
5. Special government body, or other unit of local government
6. Non-profits (must meet additional requirements)



Non-Profit Requirements (new)

- Nonprofit applicants must be registered with the State of Oregon as a nonprofit for a minimum of 3 years
- Nonprofit applicants will be required to submit proof of 501(c)(3) status, such as an IRS Determination Letter, at the time of application.
- If awarded a grant, nonprofit grantee must provide federal tax ID and Unique Entity Identifier
- Will name a successor organization at the time of award in case of any change in organizational status (for example: dissolution)
- Does not discriminate on the basis of age, disability, gender, income, race, or religion
- Nonprofit organizations must maintain their nonprofit status throughout the duration of a project. Should the original organization's status change, the successor organization must agree, in writing, to complete all OCP project responsibilities required by the contract. ODOT recommends a government agency be successor.

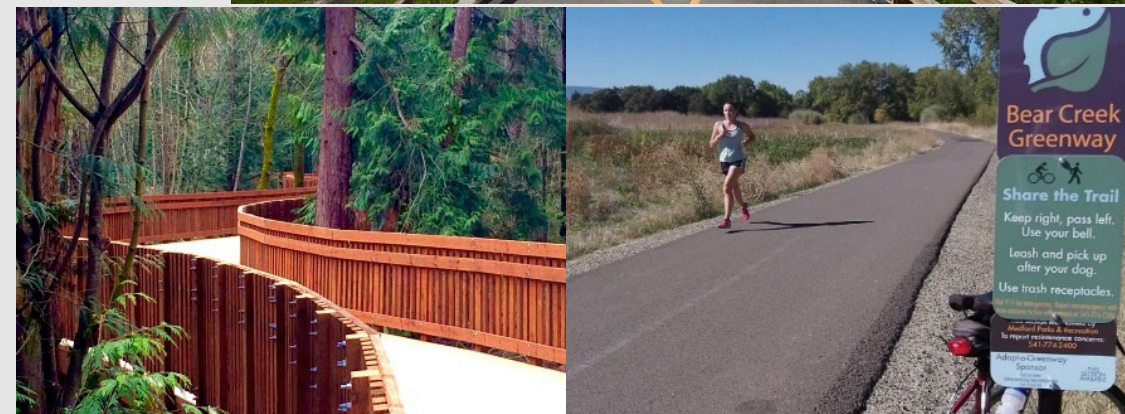
WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?



- Projects that meet all of the following criteria are eligible for federal funding:
 1. The project is a Transportation Project that is open for public use;
 2. The Project will assist in developing a multimodal transportation system that will improve safety and access for people walking or bicycling. Eligible projects, include, but are not limited to: development, construction, reconstruction, major resurfacing, or other capital improvements of multiuse paths, bicycle paths, and footpaths;
 3. The Project will improve a critical link; regional path; or path crossing to reduce barriers and hazards for people walking and biking;
 4. The Project will not require or rely upon subsidies from the Department for ongoing operations;
 5. If the project is located on public property or within a public road right of way, the project must be approved by the appropriate public agency or roadway authority (governing body);
 6. Provide a match of 10.27 percent of the total project's costs; and
 7. The Applicant must commit to begin the project within 2 years from the effective date of the Agreement.

2024 Solicitation: What Can I Apply For?

- \$61 Million (estimated) federal funds available
- Project Refinement (\$6Million)
 - \$400,000 - \$750,000/Project
- Construction (\$55Million)
 - \$1,000,000 - \$6Million/Project



Project Refinement Grants

Project refinement (Initial Planning) informs future path development by:

- I. Narrowing down the list of reasonable alternatives to a recommendation,
- II. Researching potential environmental concerns,
- III. Estimating development and construction costs, and
- IV. Documenting community input and support.

The refinement project is limited to preliminary planning, and is intended to provide the basis for future OCP grant applications



Construction Grants

Can include all phases*:

- Planning
- Environmental
- Right of Way/Utilities
- Construction

But Must Include Construction!

**Any previously conducted work must have met federal requirements, or it will need to be redone.*



WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE?



2022 Solicitation Milestones

Pre-Applications

08/01/24 –
09/15/2024

Applications

11/01/2024 –
01/15/2025

Project Awards

May 2025

Project
Executions

October 2025

Beginning of Federal Fiscal Year

How we will be scoring applications

Construction	Percent
Eligibility	Pass/Fail
Equity	25%
Safety	25%
Outreach/Equity	18%
Project Readiness	13%
Costs/Schedule	20%

Project Refinement	Percent
Eligibility	Pass/Fail
Equity	33%
Safety	17%
Outreach/Equity	23%
Project Readiness	7%
Costs/Schedule	20%

Upcoming Webinars (contact me to register)

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Webinars

- ✓ March 14 – OCP 2024 Solicitation webinar (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.) Registration required
- ✓ April 11 – OCP 2024 Solicitation webinar (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.) Registration required
- ✓ May 9 – OCP 2024 Solicitation webinar (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.) Registration required

- Solicitation Guidelines available for download on the OCP webpage.
- FAQ is available on the OCP webpage
- Pre-application sample worksheets are available on the OCP webpage
- <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Programs/Pages/OCP.aspx>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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